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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN VIEWS ON UNCTAD HARD FIBERS MEETING

REFS A. ROME 642, B. 77 BRASILIA 1910

1. ECONOFF USED OPPORTUNITY OF CALL ON CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION PEREZ SCHEDULED FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE TO
SOUND HIM OUT ON OFFICIAL GOB POSITION ON HARD FIBERS. AS ADDRESSES
ARE AWARE, GOB FAO REP BRITO HAS ON OCCASION ACTED INDEPENDENTLY
AND STATED VIEWS WHICH IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS DID NOT REPRESENT
OFFICIAL GOB POSITION (REF A).

2. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, BRITO'S COMMENTS SEEM RIGHT ON THE MARK.
PEREZ STATED THAT, IN GOB VIEW, CERTAIN OF UNCTAD COMMODITIES ARE
"RIPE" FOR ICAS WHILE OTHERS, SUCH AS HARD FIBERS AND TROPICAL
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TIMBER, ARE NOT. HE FURTHER STATED THAT GOB OPPOSED ANY KIND
OF BUFFER STOCK AND/OR PRICE CONTROL MECHANISM FOR HARD FIBERS.
(HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, COUCH THIS IN TERMS OF LOSING CONTROL OVER
BRAZIL'S OWN STOCKS TO AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY, AS BRITO DID.)
FINALLY, PEREX RAISED THE POINT THAT REGULATION OF SISAL TWINE
PRICES IS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE SUBSTITU-

TABILITY OF SYNTHETIC TWINE FOR SISAL TWINE.

3. IN CONCLUSION, PEREZ SAID THAT GOB BELIEVED THAT THE QUESTION OF HARD FIBERS NEEDED MUCH MORE STUDY BEFORE ANY MAJOR ACTION WAS TAKEN. HE SAID THE GOB WOULD SUPPORT CREATION OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER FORUM WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE TO CARRY OUT THESE FURTHER STUDIES.

4. COMMENT. GOB VIEWS ON HARD FIBERS HAVE NOT CHANGED MATERIALLY FROM LAST EMBASSY REPORT (REF B).
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